Dear Howard, 6/24/77

Glad to get your 6/21 anf the enclosed Lane-Jerry Ray tape. Amd to hear that you are settling in with one who appears to be what we surely need, a good judge and a good person.

You belief that you should let litiagtion for record await the end of this clerkship seems wise to me. There is time. And it will take time. I'm sure it also will be easier later. That more will be available.

I'll have more on some aspects. Although it has not y et reached me the Archives was to have had a large package here now. I am now getting everything, supposedly, as the best and in the long run perhaps least expensive course. I may not go over it but I hope to get each record in a separate file folder, so retrieval should not be all that hard.

What now is not easy, despite the fine and faster machine, is copying after retrieval. Lil has about 4,000 extra copies she is working on (different subject) and tomorrow we'll have another 1,000 FBI pages. Because I have given Dave a duplicate set of Batch D I'll ask him to send what you those you asked for. This will also help build his use statistics.

By the time I had the pool fit for swimming the weather turned too cool for me to do it. Lil has been.

The animals have found her new garden spot. One night all the fine lettuce disappeared and almost all the beans with it. She had not had time to apply her newspaper mulch which in the past, once it was wet, dry and then crinkly, discouraged them. She has started it now, though.

I'm behind in the mowing as well as all else and somewhat tired.

Jim stays too busy, too.

We are in court in 75-1996 on the 30th, a calendar call. Jim will be filing some nothing before then.

I hear that in California Lane has announced he is now Jimmy Ray's co-counsel.

Hope all keeps going well for you.

Best,